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Press Release

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Pennsylvania Egg Production Down 4 Percent in April

HARRISBURG — Egg production in **Pennsylvania** during April 2002 totaled 534 million eggs, 4 percent less than the 557 million produced in April 2001, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service. The total number of layers averaged 23.3 million during April, 7 percent less than the 25.0 million one year earlier. Production per 100 layers was 2,288 eggs during the month, compared with 2,227 the same month last year.

Egg-type chicks hatched during April 2002 totaled 4.40 million, 18 percent less than the 5.35 million hatched the previous April. Broiler-type chicks hatched totaled 13.1 million during April 2002, up 1 percent from the previous year.

United States' egg production totaled 7.08 billion during April 2002, down slightly from last year. The total number of layers during April averaged 336 million, slightly lower than the average number of layers from a year ago. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,109 eggs, slightly higher than the 2,106 eggs in April 2001.

Egg-type chicks hatched in the United States during April totaled 38.2 million, down 11 percent from April 2001. Broiler-type chicks hatched totaled 765 million, up 1 percent from the previous April. There were 26.0 million turkey poults placed in the United States during April 2002, up 1 percent from the same month a year ago.